

REMARKS

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-2, 4-6, and 8-16 are pending.

There are no formal matters outstanding.

Claims 1-2, 5-6, and 8-16 were rejected as anticipated by CLARK 6,345,243.

Claim 4 was rejected as obvious over CLARK in view of ZAMORA 4,965,763.

CLARK was filed as Application No. 09/085,468 on May 27, 1998. Thus, the priority date of CLARK is also May 27, 1998.

The present application is the U.S. National Stage of PCT/FI98/00441, which PCT was filed on May 27, 1998.

Since these two dates are the same, CLARK is no "prior art" to the present application as required by Section 102.

As CLARK is not prior art, the anticipation rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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